



HUNTSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Hornet Success Academy

Principal Report – 1/13/2026

Great things continue to happen in HSA!

HSA is proud to announce that we have 23 students who are scheduled to graduate from the academy on February 26, 2026 in the PAC at 2:00 p.m. Pastor Travis from North Side Baptist Church will give words of encouragement to the graduates. Our HSA student speaker is a 2024 graduate, Khristopher Colunga.

Since its inception in 2019, the HSA program has successfully graduated 312 students and continues to demonstrate sustained growth and effectiveness. This achievement is the result of the collective dedication and commitment of our students, staff, and leadership teams. The ongoing support of the Board of Trustees, district administration, and campus leadership—along with strong, collaborative partnerships within the community—has been instrumental to the program's success. These combined efforts reflect a shared responsibility and commitment to ensuring positive outcomes for our students.

HSA remains steadfast in its mission to meet students where they are and to provide comprehensive academic and social-emotional support that prepares them for success beyond graduation. Guided by a belief in student potential and accountability, the program is committed to creating meaningful opportunities for students to thrive. HSA operates with the expectation that all students can and will succeed, maintaining a standard of excellence where student failure is not an option.

HSA Spring Snapshot

Between January 1 and January 15, 2026, HSA students successfully completed a total of 75 semester courses. Since August 19, 2025, students enrolled in the program have collectively completed 635 courses, reflecting strong academic engagement and progress.

Current enrollment in HSA stands at 64 students, with more than 40 additional students on the waiting list. The majority of students in the current cohort are projected graduates for the 2025–2026 academic year.

HSA Program Updates

HSA will continue its collaborative partnership with the Sam Houston State University (SHSU) Health Science Department during the spring semester. SHSU students will again provide mentoring and college preparation support for HSA Spring cohort students. As part of this initiative, HSA students will participate in three mentoring sessions hosted at SHSU, while SHSU students will complete four mentoring sessions on campus, strengthening college readiness and postsecondary exposure.

Additionally, the HSA Spring *Success 101* program will focus on workforce readiness, internships, and employment opportunities. Students will engage in job readiness and interview skills training on March 5, 2026, as well as college preparation activities for all HSA students whose postsecondary plans include enrollment in a college or technical school in Fall 2025. Community and industry partners scheduled to participate include TDCJ, Walmart, H-E-B, the City of Huntsville, and HISD Transportation. These partnerships provide students with direct exposure to career pathways and employment opportunities.

HSA Adulting Spring Program

The HSA Adulting Spring Program will continue to provide students with structured life-skills instruction focused on essential daily living competencies. Sessions will include practical training such as basic vehicle maintenance (e.g., changing a tire and oil), applying for identification and Social Security cards, personal budgeting and financial literacy, and establishing checking and savings accounts.

The goal of the Adulting Spring Program is to ensure students acquire practical, real-world postsecondary life skills that support independence, responsible decision-making, and long-term success beyond graduation.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 8: Spring Parent/student Orientation 4:30-5:30 p.m.

January 13: ASVAB results shared with HSA students 9:30 a.m.

January 14: CPR training for New HSA students/ HSA CKH Huddle

January 19: **MLK Staff and Student Holiday**

January 21: HSA Team Meeting 3:30-4:30 PM

January 21-23: HSA IGC Initial Meetings for Spring Semester

January 26: TSI testing for HSA students/HSA Progress Reports

January 27: Johnson speaks at SHSU Health Science Dept.

January 30: HSA Teacher & Student of the Month Celebration/ Luncheon

February 3: SHSU Health Science Mentoring Session I

February 5: HSA JOB SKILLS/INTERVIEWS, Adulting 101 Session

February 13: End of the fourth six-weeks/SHSU Health Science Mentoring Session

February 16: **Professional Development Day**

February 17: SHSU Health Science Mentoring Session III

February 26: SHSU Health Science Mentoring Session IV

February 26: HSA Graduation 2:00 PM in the PAC

March 3: SHSU Health Science Mentoring Session V

March 9-13: **Spring Break-no school**

March 26: SHSU Health Science Mentoring Session VI/**HSA Graduation**

April 1: SHSU Health Science Mentoring Session VII

April 4: **PROM** @SHSU Lowman Center

April 10: SHSU Health Science Mentoring Session VIII/ End of the 5th six-weeks

April 8: EOC English 1 Exam

April 14: EOC English 2 Exam

April 17: **Good Friday Holiday**

April 20: **Professional Development Day**

April 22: EOC U. S. History Exam/**HSA Graduation**

April 23: EOC Biology Exam/ HSA Sam Visit *for EOC complete students only

April 28: EOC Algebra I

April 29: **CTE Community Job Fair**

May 4: **HSA Community Job Fair/Interviews**

May 19: HSA Senior Barbecue & Senior Celebration

May 22: Early Release/Last day of School

May 23: HHS Graduation SHSU University 10:00 A.M.

HSA IN PICTURES:

January Staff of the Month: Amaya Scott



Behind every successful program is a dedicated administrative professional whose commitment and service contribute significantly to its effectiveness. At HSA, that role is exemplified by Ms. Scott, whose professionalism, work ethic, and passion for service positively impact students, staff, and the overall operation of the center.

Ms. Scott consistently takes great pride in supporting the needs of students, staff, and campus operations. She approaches her work with a servant-leader mindset and demonstrates a genuine commitment to supporting at-risk students in any capacity necessary. Always calm under pressure and solution-oriented, she willingly steps in to assist wherever needed to ensure continuity and success, even in challenging or time-sensitive situations.

The HSA staff and students sincerely appreciate Ms. Scott's dedication, reliability, and unwavering commitment to excellence. Her contributions play an essential role in maintaining a supportive, student-centered environment that allows the program to thrive.

HSA JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Robert Guerra
Williams



Gracie



Robert Guerra is a February graduate student. While in HSA, he earned his ASE Refrigerant certificate. After he graduates, he plans to work full time and attend a technical school to continue his education.

Robert is a hard-working student who gives 100% daily and displays HSA Hornet Quality of dependability, dedication, and committed to succeeding in school and life.

Gracie Williams is a February graduate. She is a quiet student who also gives 100% to coming to the center daily and completing her courses to graduate. She has a servant's heart and goes above and beyond to be helpful in the center and in working with her peers.

While in HSA, she earned her social media marketing certificate. After graduation, Gracie plans to attend a post-secondary school to major in Social Work and Psychology.

Both students will receive a certificate and a Canes Gift card during the February graduation ceremony.



HSA CHRISTMAS GIFTS & CHRISTMAS GIVEAWAYS

At HSA, we are committed to supporting student success by addressing both academic and social-emotional needs. Through strategic partnerships with local community organizations, HSA was able to provide comprehensive support to students during the Christmas break. These efforts included the distribution of groceries to every enrolled student, the provision of Christmas gifts and cards, and the opportunity for students to enjoy a hot meal with gift cards to HEB, Walmart or Kroger.

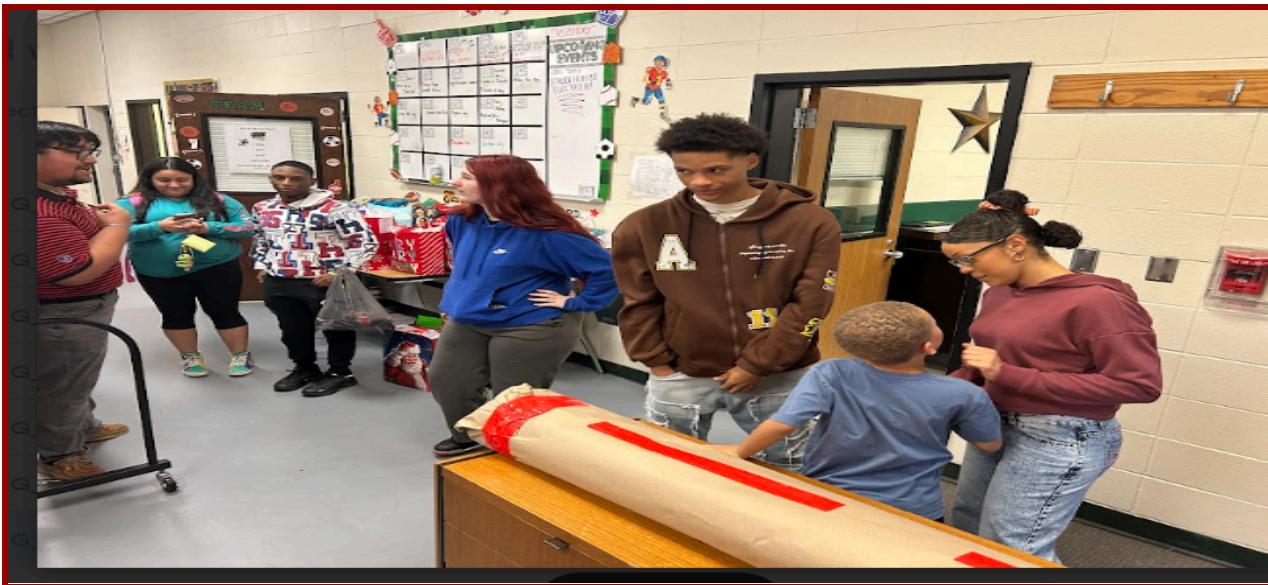




These community collaborations play a vital role in removing barriers to learning and ensuring students feel supported, valued, and connected, both in and out of the classroom.







HSA students received Christmas gifts and snacks prior to leaving for the Christmas break. Our neediest students and their families were honored with special gifts and a reception on Wednesday, December 17, 2025. The remaining students received a jacket, a pair of shoes, and hygiene items on Thursday, December 18, 2025.



To express appreciation for their dedication, service, and unwavering support of our students, HSA staff enjoyed a Christmas steak dinner on the evening of Thursday, December 18, 2025.

All of these events were made possible through the generosity and continued support of our community partners and local businesses.

Our community came together and put a smile on every student's face.



A Few More of Our Community Elves



Coats and shoes were provided for every student in HSA.



Thank you Pastor Lee & Northside Baptist Church for the Pizza Luncheon

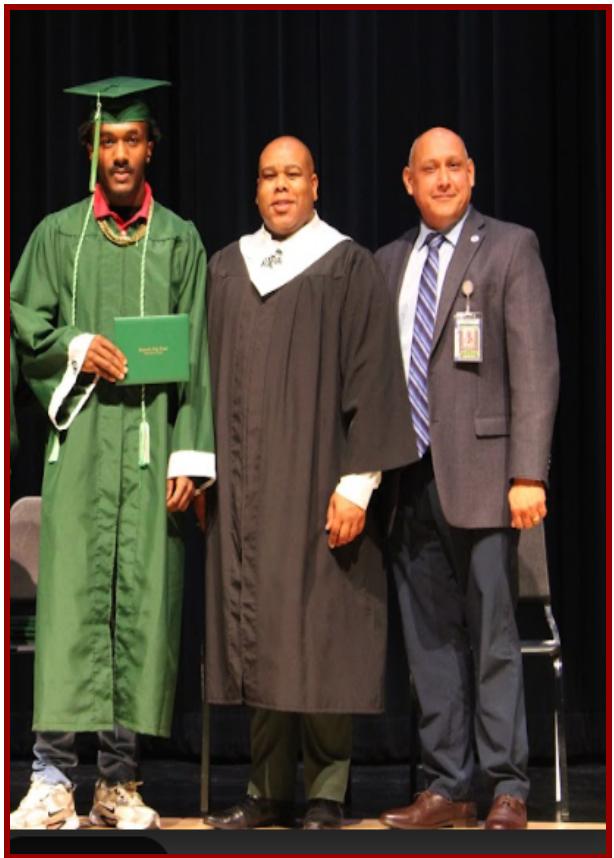




A Few Pictures from Our December Graduation:







A Couple of HSA December Star Completers



Best Regards,

Mrs. Sharonda Johnson

Sharonda Johnson, Director of Alternative Education Program
Hornet Success Academy/Huntsville ISD
"Giving all students a hand up to unlimited opportunities for success!"